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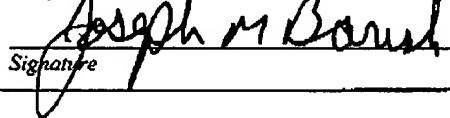
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Dear Examiner Wilson:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2005. This Amendment is timely because it is being submitted within the two month period for reply ending on June 4, 2005. Please enter and consider the following: